

HOME HILL NEWS

Greetings from the Home Hill Business Community - No 68 June, 2021

Setting the scene for the 2021 crushing season

WITH the 2021 sugar cane crushing season due to commence at the four Wilmar Burdekin Sugar Mills on Tuesday, June 8, a large crowd—estimated at over 2000—created an ideal prelude to the season start at the first official cane fire of the season at the former Home Hill Showgrounds.

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A large crowd was present to witness the first official cane fire of the season on May 27.

Million dollar Inkerman projects ahead of crushing start

ONE of the biggest capital projects for all four of Wilmar's Burdekin Sugar Mills was on schedule to be completed at Inkerman Mill at Home Hill at the middle of May, ahead of the planned start to the district's sugar crushing season on June 8, 2021.

Commissioning of the new \$5 million No.6 bagasse conveyor, which was designed and built completely in-house at Inkerman Mill, was under way for a planned completion around the week of May 17. Built in a modular construction on the ground for ease of installation, it replaces a conveyor that had reached the end of life.

The project was one of a number undertaken at Inkerman Mill ahead of the new crushing season, with a boiler automation project valued at \$1.9 million also part of the upgrade program.

That was part of a broader project to upgrade all boiler

station automation within Wilmar Sugar's eight mills and involves replacing an old control system with modern PLC technology.

That project will deliver safe, reliable operation of the mill's boilers, which are the heart of the company's factories. Another Inkerman project involved a major upgrade of the boiler electrical substation transformer and motor control centre (MCC) at a cost of \$1.2 million.

That will improve reliability of the power

supply to the boiler station.

Replacement of the major components of the B-side cane carrier, valued at \$700,000, has also taken place at Inkerman Mill, allowing for improved reliability on the B-side milling train.

The estimated crop size for Inkerman Mill's 2021 season has been set at 1,715,000 tonnes, with all four Wilmar Burdekin Mills to commence on Tuesday, June 8. The planned finishing date is November 17.



The completed new Inkerman bagasse conveyor



Wilmar workers (from left) Kerrod Bevilacqua, Darren Oar, Deon Darr and Seth Pugh at work with the new Inkerman bagasse conveyor

CONCERNS have been raised with us recently by local residents about the delivery contract for parcels in our community from the Home Hill Post Office, with the former contractors having ceased their obligations under their contract. With that contract ended, the concern was that there was no-one who had a contract to continue and that parcels would only be delivered by personnel from Ayr—“when they had time”. However, we have been told by our local Post Office managers that there had been no response from anyone interested in taking over the contract, which has resulted in the Post Office hierarchy making the decision to send staff from Townsville on three days a week to distribute the parcels through the community. And they say that with no complaints and no parcels coming back, it seems that the arrangement is working well at the present time.

HOME HILL children have missed out again on direct access to a chance to improve their education through reading. The Burdekin Library celebrated ALIA Library and Information Week with a National Simultaneous Storytime on May 19, with libraries, schools and families across the country reading the same picture book—this year it was Philip Bunting’s *Give Me Some Space*—and also included a range of science and arts and craft activities. However, the opportunity was only offered at the Ayr Library, meaning that young Home Hill children not at school and with parents who both have to work to help the family’s finances, could not make it to the promoted session. It seems to be a continuation of the theme of council and other organisations planning everything to be held in Ayr, at the expense of residents of the Home Hill community. We need to keep reminding those in authority that Home Hill is a town in its own right—what is wrong with planning events in Home Hill? The North Queensland Cowboys were at fault when Home Hill was one of the few towns of its size not to be

The finer points of Home Hill . .

IT IS pleasing to see that the chainsaw sculpture that was to be created at the Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival at the end of May will be installed back in the Burdekin for the public to view all year round, when it is completed. Queensland chainsaw sculptor, Matty G (pictured with one of his creations) was planning a cane cutter sculpture over the course of the festival “paying tribute to the history of the Burdekin and the hand cane cutters that called it home”, according to Mayor Lyn McLaughlin. Matty G told the *Home Hill News* that he would be creating the sculpture back at his home base where he had the space, the right timber and everything he required, before bringing it back to install for the public to view all year round. It is early on in the project, but it is to be hoped that the council would be considering Home Hill to be the

site of the new attraction. Local residents would expect the unique artistic work to be installed in a prominent position in the town — because the Festival’s home is in the town and what better way would there



be to promote the festival all year round than to have it on display in Home Hill? We would suggest that the plinth that already exists at the front of the Comfort Stop would make an ideal home for the artwork, with visitors and users of the facility seeing it

during their usage of the area and when they move about and through the town. There would be no better advertisement for the event! No doubt the council will consult with the community before they make a final decision on the proposed site.

visited by the NRL Championship trophy in 2015 when the team was successful and now it is the same with the COVID vaccinations, which are being advertised as being available in Ayr for any resident who does not have the benefit of having the services of their own doctor to receive the vaccine. Another trip to Ayr?

THE highest praise should be extended to the small group of volunteers who are devoting their time throughout the year towards the overall success of the Burdekin Growers Race Day. The huge crowd that turned out on Saturday, May 22 for the day of racing, fashions and wide-ranging entertainment was a glowing testament to the work that is devoted to ensuring the event is the best it can be for the benefit of those thousands who attended—and the Burdekin District’s economy as a whole. Such an event cannot succeed without the many sponsors who give tens of thousands of dollars worth of prizes and the locally-grown produce that allows patrons to go away at the end of the day feeling like a winner, even if they did leave some of the contents of their wallets and purses in the hands of book-makers. However, the race day also does not happen without the behind-the-scenes work that

is put in by individuals—and there are few better in the Burdekin Race Club than the members of the Gudge family, led by President Ricky and his wife, Leanne, who has taken on the joint role of secretary and treasurer. The Burdekin Club is in an extremely good financial position through their voluntary leadership, along with the team behind them and their many sponsors—but it all cannot come together without the time and effort devoted by Ricky and Leanne. And what better reward for the couple than to see the crowd cheering on their horse, Rebel Lake to a win in the Burdekin Cup. We were told it was a “mistake” buy as one of the owners was online bidding to purchase the horse they wanted (not Rebel Lake) but had to leave and hit the wrong horse number for their bid. On their return, they were the proud owners of Rebel Lake. What a way to finish up with a winning horse, that has brought them to the pinnacle of the Club’s major race. HOME HILL residents should watch carefully for future overnight bridge closures as maintenance proceeds—or they could face some long nights in the car waiting to get home.

- DAVID JACKSON

Home town Cup heroics

WHILE an estimated 4000 plus racing fans and fashionistas packed the Home Hill Race Course on Saturday, May 22 for the return of the Burdekin Growers Race Day, after its Covid-enforced cancellation in 2020, it was the six-event race program that created much excitement on the day as Home Hill trained horses fought for the honours in three of the events.

The Race Day was themed "Party in the Tropics" and attracted thousands of patrons who pre-booked their tables and dressed to impress, as they were still streaming through the gates as the runners for the third event made their way to the starting stalls.

Those patrons were not disappointed as the weather stayed perfect for an outstanding social day.

And what better way for the program to finish in the Carlton & United Breweries Burdekin Cup (1830 metres), than for the big crowd to cheer home four-year-old gelding, Rebel Lake (ridden by jockey Scott Sheargold), trained by Burdekin Club president, Ricky Gudge and owned by him in conjunction with local enthusiasts, Ron Scott and Jeremy Caspanello.

Rebel Lake won by one-and-a-quarter lengths from Jimmy Witha Dash (Graham Kliese) with Verbalizer (Carl Spry) a long head further back.

The second race, the Don West Toyota Class B Handicap over 1000 metres, also had a distinctly local flavour in the finish, with the Ray Tapiolas trained five-year-old mare, Hibachi Miss (Jeffrey Felix) winning by a length from Struman (Adam Sewell)

with Trapassi (Graham Kliese) three-quarters-of-a-length back in third place.

A surprised Ray Tapiolas was lost for words after the win, continually repeating "unbelievable" as he made his way from the grandstand to the winner's stall.

The Ricky Gudge training combination also just missed another success as their top-weight five-year-old gelding, Keighley Sun (Frank Edwards) led for all but the last few metres of the 1460 metre first race, the Burdekin Veterinary Services Benchmark 50 Handicap, only to be beaten by a half a length by the fast-finishing Murtallica (Denicious Smith) with Marvellous Heart (Graham Kliese) third.

In the "Fashions on the Field", over 100 entrants contested the five categories, as 10 finalists in each category lined up on stage during the afternoon with a crowd of over 1000 gathering to watch the winners and runners-up presented with their prizes. With farmers and business owners contributing tonnes of freshly picked fruit and vegetables and thousands of dollars in cash and prizes to give away, every patron had the opportunity to go home a winner. After the racing, the band, "Hardwired" played on the Wilmar Sugar Stage until 9pm, while hundreds danced the night away.

The reputation of the Growers Race Day has spread far and wide, with visitors this year from as far away as Brisbane, north to Cairns and west to Cloncurry and Mount Isa. The event is a huge credit to the small band of volunteers who work all year round to ensure the day is a success.



Winning combination after the Burdekin Cup included the owners, trainer Ricky Gudge (left), Ron Scott (with cup) and Jeremy Caspanello (right), Jockey Scott Sheargold with Rebel Lake and representatives of sponsors, Carlton & United Breweries



Members of the Tapiolas family, led by trainer Ray Tapiolas (second from right), jockey Jeffrey Felix with Hibachi Miss after their second race win



Murtallica caught the locally owned and trained Keighley Sun near the line to win the first event.

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First fire takes cane cutting back to the past

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The fire set the scene for the start of the Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival, which continued in Ayr on Friday evening with the Burdekin Cultural Fair and on Saturday at the Australian Hand Cane Cutting Championships. The festival came at the start of the Burdekin Shire's annual sugar cane crushing season, as Mayor Lyn McLaughlin described the support from surrounding regions as "overwhelming".

"The Burdekin welcomed our largest crowd ever to the First Fire, with more than 2000 people through the gates of the Home Hill Showgrounds," she said. "Cane fires are symbolic of the Burdekin and North Queensland lifestyle, with the Festival itself named after the sweetness of some of our key agriculture, including sugar cane, melons, honey, achacha and lychee and the hot nights of sugar cane being burnt



Participating in the 55-plus section, 88-year-old Olivio Pozzebon showed his younger opponents he was able to match them in hand cane cutting.

during the crushing season."

The Festival moved to Rugby Park in Ayr on Friday night for the Burdekin Cultural Fair, where the crowds experienced a fusion of international foods and performances. It returned to Home Hill on Saturday for the Hand Cane Cutting Championships "where we celebrate the back-breaking work of a bygone era in between live music performances, food trucks, kids' activities, a live chainsaw sculptor and more," Cr McLaughlin said.

The strong support continued on Saturday with an enthusiastic crowd

watching the various sections of the Cane Cutting Championships, while also enjoying associated entertainment and the many food stalls on site.

The mayor also announced that Council officers had taken out the "Doing More With Less" category at the 2021 Local Government Awards for Excellence, which celebrates lateral thinking, creativity and teamwork to achieve positive outcomes for Council and the community. She congratulated the Council Officers involved in delivering the 2020 virtual Sweet Days, Hot Nights Festival,

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Burdekin Race Club Inc.

EXTRA June

Family Race Day

Saturday,

June 19, 2021

Grant adds to Groper Creek foreshore facilities

With JEANETTE GARVEY

ADDITIONAL picnic table settings will be installed along the Groper Creek foreshore, thanks to Pacific Hydro's Community Investment Program. The Home Hill Boat Club recently received \$5280 via the company's 2021 Haughton Sustainable Communities Fund for four new stainless steel settings, which will enable more locals and visitors to sit, connect and appreciate our tranquil environment.

The Home Hill Boat Club is hoping an old flood-damaged shade structure (pictured right) will be replaced with a new skillion in the public car park area closer to the creek. Fingers crossed that further funding will become available to complete the project.



FOND memories of the Groper Creek Markets have been recalled via the community's Facebook page. Posting of a "flashback"

photo (below) of the 2006 markets prompted some nostalgic memories with calls for its



return. The fun market atmosphere, donut eating competitions and events like Burdekin Netball's Grid to Groper Fun Run were recalled. Investigations into perhaps running a once-off market this year as part of the township's Centenary Celebrations is currently being investigated.

A NUMBER of caravanners headed into Home Hill for the Burdekin Growers Race Day, which by all reports was another hugely successful event. It was a shame we couldn't get enough interest to run a bus service to and from the creek as many intending patrons pulled out when they realised they couldn't get table seating, which sold out fast.

NORTHERN residents who may have missed the opportunity to enjoy the hilarious talents of members of the Home Hill Choral Society in their production of "Harem Scarem" are being given another opportunity to see the entertaining show at the Choral Society's home in the town's Central Business District, "The Vault".

Second chance for *Harem Scarem*

Whether you have heard about the show on the grapevine or are lining up for a second instalment, you should get in early to buy your tickets for a night of fun and laughter on Friday and Saturday nights, June 11 and 12 or at the matinee at 1.30pm on Sunday, June 13.



Jetty Jottings

Standing for the day was out of the question for those elderly racegoers, who have decided to be better organised next year.

WHAT a difference a whinge sometimes makes! Telstra subcontractors have finally sealed over an open pit, which had been causing safety concerns for the past several years near the creek's public amenities block (as reported in last month's *Home Hill News*). Thanks to Burdekin Shire Council and George Christensen's and Dale Last's offices for fast tracking these rectification works.

DONATIONS of bicycles are required with a call for any disused working equipment to be left at the Groper Creek Kiosk bike rack. Known as "Dunny Run Bikes", the donated cycles are a popular mode of transportation for visiting caravanners, who use them to get around the park during their stay. Existing cycles have been patched up and repaired, but many are now past their used-by date. Any donations greatly appreciated.



UNABLE to travel overseas, Aussies are taking to the road in droves. Groper Creek Caravan Park has seen a steady stream of caravanners travelling north to soak up some of our winter sunshine. Since May, the park has been booked solidly with 100 per cent occupancy most nights. The majority of travellers are still Queenslanders, however, in recent weeks there has been more interstate travellers from New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

Patrons are encouraged to hitch a ride on a magic carpet for this Eastern romp of mischief and madness; to join in the "whoas" of the wailing soothsayer; to listen to the whines of Queen Itchymutt or hear Clarence of Arabia blowing his own trumpet (because the

Eunuch can't). They should also find out why King Ahmed Kar is so security conscious; why the Eunuch is called Hope and if Clarence gets his evil way with the virginal Princess Charity (Charity by name but chaste by nature). As well, will the dreaded Curse of Arabia bring about the kingdom's downfall or will the bungling Genie save the day?

Obstacle Course near to opening

CONSTRUCTION of the new Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course at Watson's Green in Home Hill is well advanced and was expected by the council to be ready for challengers by the end of May.

Funded by the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program, the course features nine different obstacles suitable for all ages and skill levels.

Mayor Lyn McLaughlin said the construction of youth-focused play elements, such as the Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course, formed an important part of the Watson's Green and Memorial Park Master Plan.

"It is fantastic to see state-of-the-art equipment such as this being installed

in the Burdekin, designed by obstacle course specialists, A_Space," she said.

"The Watson's Green and Memorial Park Master Plan identified several opportunities to activate the parkland, with future projects including the expansion and relocation of the stage, construction of a youth hub and development of additional picnic and play equipment."

Cr McLaughlin said base layers of the course were laid during May, along with installation of the obstacles and soft fall.

She said Council was looking forward to opening the course and inviting residents from across North Queensland to step up to the challenge.



I AM pleased to say that local councils throughout the Dawson electorate will receive a substantial funding boost from this year's Federal budget to drive job-creating projects within the regions. Burdekin Shire Council will receive an injection of \$1,240,522, which will mean more upgrades to local roads, bike paths, community halls, playgrounds, parks and sports facilities, as well as improved accessibility to public facilities. The funding will be accessible from January next year, which will enable the Burdekin Council to put plans in place for a long-term vision.

Road upgrades under way

MORE than \$70 million worth of safety upgrades over two projects have started on the Bruce Highway between Bowen and Ayr. Wide centre lines will be installed on the Bruce Highway between Don Street and Champion Street in Bowen as part of a \$30 million jointly funded safety upgrade project. A second, \$42 million Australian Government funded project will deliver seven overtaking lanes and other safety upgrades between Bowen and Ayr. The safety upgrades started earlier this year and include audio-tactile line marking, road widening, protected right turn lanes at key intersections and wide centre-line treatments. The Australian Government is contributing \$66 million towards these safety upgrades, as part of the 15-year, \$12.6 billion Bruce Highway Upgrade Program.

There comes a time . . .

IFYOU haven't already heard, I announced that I will not be running as the LNP candidate for the seat of Dawson at the next election. When I first ran for federal parliament in 2010, I only intended to serve three terms. However, I have now served four and when added to two terms on Mackay council, I have been in elected office for more than 17 years. In the past year I've been separated from my family, who were caught up overseas with the pandemic. They're here in the country now, so I want to focus more on them going into the future. I remain a serving member of the Liberal National Party and the Morrison-McCormack Liberal National Government. It is a government that strongly supports our regions, strongly supports mining, agriculture and tourism and the jobs those industries create and it's the government that I fully expect will be re-elected at the next election. I want to thank the people of Dawson for putting their faith and trust in me, as well as the dedicated army of local Liberal National Party volunteers and other supporters – I couldn't have done it without you.

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Businessman, Uli Liessmann reports on local issues of interest in the Home Hill district



WE HAVE something positive to help make the Sweet Days and Hot Nights festival a goer. Our shop display will help to get into the theme of the festival, showing three cane cutters in amongst the cane (see picture). This will be in front of our shop and the title is "Cutters 1,2,3".



ON A positive note, after having spoken to one of the directors from the Bowen Pipeline Company, I was informed that the project to deliver water from the Burdekin River to Bowen for the expansion of agriculture etc. is still on the drawing board.

A CLOSE look at Fourteenth Avenue is not good. This is one of the major thoroughfares in Home Hill servicing two schools—one at each end. This street is used by many school children who are forced at times to walk on the road because of the poor design of this Avenue and an upgrade is necessary sooner than later.

WITH rates just around the corner and no rate rise last year, I would predict an increase in the vicinity of between four per cent to five per cent general rate increase—I hope I'm wrong. On top of the general rate,

we could also expect to have an increase in water, sewerage and waste disposal and that is not all. Council would argue it is not getting a decent return on its investments, well no-one else is getting a decent return either. My biggest concern will be an increase in water charges or worse still, no increase but a decrease in allocated water—a sneaky way of increasing the charge. WONDERING about the resealing of roads on the south side of the river where we have not seen any action anywhere—maybe just not looking in the right places.



OUR local Sweet FM radio station is going from strength to strength, having just received funding from the PH Houghton Solar Farm Pty. Ltd and Stronger Communities Program, for which the station is very grateful. This funding will be used for decking out the van making loading and unloading of assorted electronic equipment easier and to update existing equipment. Council has also contributed to the station upgrade with new floor-covering, a new kitchenette, toilet and lighting. Three outdoor spotlights have been installed to highlight the building to its best advantage (see picture).

These are my views only. To contact me, please phone (mobile) 0439 822 064 or go to www.uliliessmann.com.au.

- ULI LIESSMANN

Extra race meet for Home Hill

THE Burdekin Race Club has been successful in adding another race meeting to its annual program for the 2021-22 year.

Burdekin Club members were advised that the Charters Towers track was not suitable for racing on Saturday, June 19 and that meeting had been transferred to the Burdekin Race Club, who will be conducting the meeting. Race meetings approved for the Home Hill track in the next year include—June 19, 2021; July 10; October 30; January 15, 2022; April 9; May 21 (Growers Race Day).

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Taking the lead for Home Hill High

WITH sporting and community activities already under way, it is sad to see the current state of the grandstand at the Home Hill State High School. I contacted the Minister and requested funding for the grandstand to be replaced. She has advised that the department will work with the school to explore funding options. It's absurd that the P&C has to stump up \$20,000 when Brisbane schools are provided with those sorts of facilities by the government. Infrastructure like this is not just important for the school but for the wider community and I will continue to fight for our fair share of the pie.

While I was at the school, I had the



privilege of presenting a small gift to this year's school captains, McKenzie Linton and Lucas Forno (pictured). With goals of building the school spirit and culture this year after a disrupted 2020, I took the chance to wish them the best and offer my support. It was fantastic to hear how they are working hard



to be positive role models, not only within their school environment, but within their community as well.

Home Hill Cricket Association

TOGETHER with the Federal Member for Dawson, George Christensen, I recently met with the Home Hill Cricket Association to discuss their plans to develop and upgrade its facility. Following the meeting, I wrote to the Sports Minister requesting assistance with funding to install a new bore and irrigation to the playing fields at the complex. With the State Budget due to be handed down in the coming weeks, it would be nice to see this project funded, which would provide a much needed boost to cricket in the Burdekin.

Places to see, things to do in the Home Hill district

170 Arts on the Avenue—The Burdekin Artisan Community invites you to inspect their display of various arts and craft forms at the Ashworths Rock Shop complex from 9.30am to 1pm Tuesdays, 10am to 5pm each day from Wednesday to Friday and 10am to 1pm Saturday.

Beachmount/Wunjunga—Visitors can move off the Bruce Highway south of Home Hill to spend time at the community's beaches—Beachmount and the community of Wunjunga. Travel east off the highway south of Inkerman across gravel roads until meeting the sea in the vicinity of Funny Dunny Park where tourists can enjoy a stay in pleasant surroundings.

Burdekin River and the Burdekin bridge - part of the Bruce Highway plus Home Hill Lions Club Diorama at southern end of bridge, which features five new panels detailing the pioneering sugar industry work of John Drysdale and the town's early history;

Burdekin National Servicemen's Association meets at the Home Hill Community Sports Club on the first Sunday of each month from February to December, starting at 9.30 am. Contact Secretary (4782 2368) or President (4783 5529).

Burdekin Toastmasters meet on the first and third Mondays of each month. Phone 0438 620 180 or 0409 615 559 for details.

Card making, scrapbooking, album making and assorted jewellery classes at Lynn and Mike's Craft Studio, Home Hill. Phone 0418 783 799 for details of how to participate.

Charlie's Hill World War II site, about seven kilometres south of Home Hill – former radar station during the second world war—Old igloos and gun emplacement still in place;

For the sports man and woman - Join in the friendly atmosphere at the **Home Hill Golf Course** (4782 1632—amongst the cane fields on Iona Road), at the excellent **Home Hill Tennis complex** in the centre of the Home Hill Race Track; or at the **Home Hill Community Sports Club Inc.** (4782 1185) which offers roll-up bowls Thursdays and Sundays at 12.30pm with an open bar.

Groper Creek - worth a look as it is a unique small village—one of the many creeks in the Burdekin Delta allowing access to the numerous fishing areas throughout the district—very popular with visitors who return each year to enjoy our climate over several months;

Home Hill Swimming Pool (Eleventh Avenue) is open throughout the summer months—5.30am to 7pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 5.30am to 6pm Wednesday; 10am to 6pm Sunday.

Home Hill Service Clubs—The **Home Hill Lions Club** meets at the Crown Hotel on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The **Home Hill Rotary Club** meets at their Club House (58 Thirteenth Avenue, Home Hill) on the first Tuesday of each month and at the Malpass Hotel, Home Hill at 6.30pm on each other Tuesday night of the month. Visitors are welcome at both clubs.

Mount Inkerman—approximately 12km south of Home Hill, near the township of Inkerman. Access to the top is via a narrow road, which is not suitable for caravans and a "Nature Trail" for walkers. The narrow road has been widened in sections and a number of new safety barriers installed. Recommend visiting as there are outstanding views of the surroundings such as cane and other farms.

Old Time Dancing at the St Helen's Anglican Church Hall, Tenth Avenue, Home Hill every Saturday evening;

Pioneer Avenue Plaques – learn about the history of many of the pioneers of Home Hill and the Burdekin District by reading the plaques situated along the western side of the ti-trees in Home Hill's main street

Sing Along with the Home Hill Choral Society— every Wednesday evening at the "The Vault" - the Choral Society Hall in Eighth Avenue—from 7pm to 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in.

The Big Canecutters—Visit the former Home Hill Showgrounds (southern end of town across the railway line) to see the representation of the former canecutters that cut the Burdekin district's sugar cane crop before the advent of mechanical cane harvesting.

Comments on our town or services would be appreciated, Email ddjacko@bigpond.com or secretary@homehillchamber.com